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DETECTION OF A TARGET IN A SAMPLE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 4, 5, 12, 14, 16-18, 22, 29, 30, 38, 39 and 42 as follows:

Claim 4, line 1, change "Claim 2 or 3," to -- Claim 2, --.

Claim 5, line 1, change "Claim 2 or 3," to -- Claim 2, --.

Claim 12, line 1, change "any one of the preceding claims," to -- Claim 1, --.

Claim 14, line 1, change "any one of the preceding claims," to -- Claim 1, --.

Claim 16, line 1, change "Claim 14 or 15," to -- Claim 14, --.

Claim 17, line 1, change "any one of the preceding claims," to -- Claim 1, --.

Claim 18, line 1, change "any one of the preceding claims," to -- Claim 1, --.

Claim 22, line 1, change "any one of Claims 1-11," to -- Claim 1, --.